

**California Department of Social Services Tribal Advisory Committee
Committee Member Appointment Process
November 2018**

Background: The Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) was established in 2018 to improve the government-to-government relationships between California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and California Tribes. The committee serves in an advisory capacity to the CDSS Director and is made up of 9 to 12 voting committee members and 3 non-voting committee members at any given time. Each member serves as an “at large” advocate, representing their geographical area to the best of their ability. Members are appointed to a two-year term and evenly disbursed based on the BIA California Agency regions.

QUALIFICATION, NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT: For the purposes of this committee, the terms “tribe” and “tribes” shall refer exclusively to the federally-recognized Indian tribes located entirely or partially within the State of California. Each member of the committee is appointed by the CDSS Director upon nomination by a Tribe. No single Tribe may nominate more than one member. Nominations will be solicited by The Office of Tribal Affairs (OTA) annually or upon determination that a need to solicit exists. The TAC will review all nominations, hold a vote for recommendations and forward recommendations to the Director. Considering the recommendations of the committee, the Director shall have the exclusive authority to appoint members to the committee. If any member of the committee is unable to serve for any reason, the Director in consideration of recommendations from the committee shall have the exclusive authority to determine the appropriate process to select and appoint his or her successor.

To establish the Inaugural TAC, the Director will appoint members to a one-year term to pilot the process, assist in operationalizing the committee details and initiate the nomination appointment process the following year. Inaugural members are eligible for extended terms if they are nominated during the first voting process.

Timeline:

October 10, 2018	Final Comments due for Tribal Engagement Strategy.
November 1, 2018	Final Tribal Engagement Strategy sent to Tribes.
November 1, 2018	Invitation sent to Inaugural Tribal Advisory Committee members and partners.
November 28, 2018	Inaugural Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting.
December 2019	Two-year term members appointed.